

Rio Americano HS

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"National Blue Ribbon School"

1994, 1996, 2006

"A California Distinguished School"

1988, 1994, 1999, 2005, 2013

Site Council Meeting Minutes Rio Americano High School Monday, December 15, 2025 3:45 PM in the Library

Call to Order: 3:47 p.m.

Attendees

Chairman: Cliff Kelly
Secretary (Non-Instructional): Rosana Millan
Instructional Staff: Leigh Sumers (absent)
Mathew Seal-Mayr
AJ Paulus
Richele Zwetsloot

Student Representatives: Christian Holleman
Natalie Saunders
Delaney Draa

Parent Representatives: John Home (absent)
Marla L. Van Laningham
Jennifer Laing (absent)

Guests: Chris Hauger, Vice Principal
Mark Baxter, Safe Schools
Tom Nelson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Chairman Kelly.

A quorum was established.

2. Presentation: Site Council Funding Request

Presenter: Mr. Joseph Applebaum (Yearbook, Photography, Media Arts, Journalism)

Mr. Applebaum presented a request for funding to build a modern computer lab to support Yearbook, Journalism, Photography, Media Arts, and Art classes.

- Request Amount: Approximately \$18,889.50
- Requested Items:

- 10 Apple iMac 24-inch computers (M4, 4.5K display)
- Keyboards, mice
- AppleCare and recycling fees
- Purpose:
 - Replace outdated computers that are no longer functional
 - Support media creation, layout design, photo editing, and future video editing
 - Provide a collaborative learning environment aligned with Rio Americano's mission and San Juan Unified LCAP goals
- Additional Information:
 - Three computers have already been funded through Prop 28 (VAPA funds).
 - District purchasing ensures long-term support.

Action:

The request was presented only and tabled until the next meeting for further review and a future vote.

3. Safety Plan Presentation

Presenter: Mr. Chris Hauger, Vice Principal

Guest: Mr. Mark Baxter (Safe Schools Officer)

Mr. Hauger reviewed the Annual School Safety Plan, which had been emailed to members in advance.

Key Highlights:

- Review of campus incident data from the prior year
- Noted decrease in vaping incidents, though it remains a primary concern
- Fire drills:
 - Two are planned annually (one announced, one unannounced)
- Shelter-in-place drill completed; lockdown drill planned for spring
- Overview of Catapult, the district safety notification system:
 - Used for emergencies and drills
 - Overrides silent mode on staff phones
 - Annual staff training provided
- Campus Safety Updates (Future Plans):
 - Potential installation of additional security cameras in parking lots
 - Possible gated campus fencing (no confirmed timeline)
 - Emphasis on notifying the community before any construction

Questions:

Guest asked clarifying questions about fencing placement and communication with surrounding neighbours.

4. EL Program / ELAC Update

Presented by: Mr. Chris Hauger, Vice Principal (on behalf of Ms. Gina Jackson, Vice Principal)

Highlights:

- EL enrollment decreased from 275 to 234 students
- EL numbers fluctuate due to student mobility
- ELPAC data:
 - Majority of students remained at the same level
 - Some students showed growth
- Reclassification:
 - 18 students reclassified in the 2024–25 school year (12 so far)
- Support services include bilingual instructional aides (BIA) and a Community Resource Assistant (CRA)

- Strong focus on parent engagement, graduation requirements, and postsecondary planning
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5. Action Items

Approval of School Safety Plan

- Motion made by Marla Van Laningham, seconded by AJ Paulus
- Vote: Approved unanimously

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by AJ Paulus and seconded by Mathew Seal-Mayr
 - Vote: Approved unanimously
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6. Old Business

- **Computer Lab Funding Request:**
 - Request for approximately \$18,889.50 **tabled until next meeting**
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7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made and seconded
 - **Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.**
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8. Sign-In

Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet before leaving.